

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
- detecting an unbalanced quality of power control signals from a wireless device simultaneously received at a plurality of base station transceivers involved in a soft handoff, wherein the unbalanced quality is determined based on qualities of power control signals from each of the plurality of base station transceivers involved in the soft handoff ~~from a wireless device~~;
- increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of a pilot channel carrying at least one of the power control signals for at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers when the quality of the at least one of the power control signals for the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers is below a predefined target signal quality;
- increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of ~~[[a]]~~ the pilot channel transmitted by the wireless device during the soft handoff in response to the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers; and
- decreasing a power gain of other channels transmitted by the wireless device in relation to ~~[[an]]~~ the increased transmit power level of the pilot channel of the wireless device during the soft handoff.
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for detecting an unbalanced quality of power control signals from a wireless device simultaneously received at a plurality of base station transceivers involved in a soft handoff, wherein the unbalanced quality is determined based on qualities of power control signals from each of the plurality of base station transceivers involved in the soft handoff from a wireless device;

means for increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of a pilot channel carrying at least one of the power control signals for at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers when the quality of the at least one of the power control signals for the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers is below a predefined target signal quality;

means for increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of [[a]] the pilot channel transmitted by the wireless device during the soft handoff in response to the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers; and

means for decreasing a power gain of other channels transmitted by the wireless device in relation to [[an]] the increased transmit power level of the pilot channel of the wireless device during the soft handoff.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media embodying a method, comprising:
 detecting an unbalanced quality of power control signals from a wireless device simultaneously
 received at a plurality of base station transceivers involved in a soft handoff, wherein the
unbalanced quality is determined based on qualities of power control signals from each of
the plurality of base station transceivers involved in the soft handoff ~~from a wireless~~
~~device~~;
- increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of a pilot channel carrying at least one of the power
control signals for at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers when the quality of
the at least one of the power control signals for the at least one of the plurality of base station
 transceivers is below a predefined target signal quality;
- increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of ~~[[a]]~~ the pilot channel transmitted by the
 wireless device during the soft handoff in response to the at least one of the plurality of
 base station transceivers; and
- decreasing a power gain of other channels transmitted by the wireless device in relation to ~~[[an]]~~
the increased transmit power level of the pilot channel of the wireless device during the
soft handoff.
38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the power gain of other
 channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by
 which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.
39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the power gain of other
 channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount
 by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.
40. (Canceled).